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SATELLITE CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND PRISONERS, 3 MARCH - 1 JUNE 1953

8,000 IN SOFIA PRISON -- Salonika, O Ellinikos Vorras, 3 Mar 53

Athens, 2 March (Special Service) -- Reports from Belgrade state that Boris Dimov, a Bulgarian refugee who recently fled to Yugoslavia, told newspaper men that there are 8,000 prisoners at the concentration camp in Sofia. Among those held at the camp are Bulgarian generals, doctors, and lawyers; and Yugoslavs, Greek citizens, etc. The prisoners, although most of them are in the first stages of tuberculosis, receive no medical care and are obliged to do hard labor.

POLISH OFFICIAL MURDERED IN PRISON -- Izmir, Anadolu, 1 Jun 53

London -- It is reported that Gomulka, former Polish Deputy Premier who was arrested last year by Polish Communist authorities, was murdered in a prison. Gomulka was the secretary-general of the United Polish Workers' Party. Official Polish authorities have denied reports of Gomulka's death in prison.

RUMANIAN PRISONERS BEING SENT TO USSR -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 24 May 53

Rumanian political prisoners have been taken to the USSR during the past months. Four months ago, the eighth train went through the railroad station of Iasi, carrying eight coaches of political prisoners to the USSR. Such shipments are still being continued.

Lately, many new arrests have been made throughout Rumania. Those arrested are old members of democratic parties and have no specific charges against them. Special committees have also visited concentration camps during the past months, intending to select those best fit and send them to hard-labor camps in the USSR.

Such reports tend to support the rumors that a secret agreement has been signed between the Rumanian government and the USSR, which provides that Rumanian political prisoners can be transferred to hard-labor camps in the USSR. To

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cover up the existence of such an agreement, the Rumanian Communist government passed a law making possible the shipment of workers to the USSR. Among the prisoners are former ministers, officers, and old political anti-Communist cadres.

RUMANIAN STEAMER CARRIES PRISONERS TO ODESSA -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes,
14 May 53

The Rumanian steamship Transylvania has recently transported political prisoners to Odessa. The prisoners were sent from there to work on a large hydroelectric project being built on the Volga River.

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